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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Joint Petition of Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Re:

Communications, and Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium

Communications, for Approval of Changes in Boundary Line

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing please find a Joint Petition of Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, and Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, for Approval of Changes in Boundary Line.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A.

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No.

Re:	Joint Petition of Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a)
	Comporium Communications, and Lancaster Telephone	
	Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, for Approval)
	of Changes in Boundary Line	
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Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications ("Fort Mill") and Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications ("Lancaster") (collectively referred to herein as the "Companies") hereby petition the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-612.2.3, for approval of a change in the boundary line between the Companies. This change in the boundary line between the Companies will not affect any current customers. It is in the public interest to modify the boundary lines between the Companies to ensure that, as the area in question becomes more developed, parcels of property that are contiguous and under common ownership or control will be located in the service area of a single incumbent local exchange carrier, either Fort Mill or Lancaster. In support of this Joint Petition, Fort Mill and Lancaster respectfully submit:

1. Fort Mill and Lancaster are incumbent local exchange companies providing wire line telephone services in York, Lancaster, and portions of Chester and Kershaw Counties in the State of South Carolina, and each is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission with respect to such services.

- 2. Fort Mill and Lancaster are both Comporium companies, and each does business under the Comporium trade name. The Companies have substantial common ownership, with Rock Hill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications owning 100% of Fort Mill and 96% of Lancaster.
- 3. The developer of a neighborhood in Fort Mill's service area has recently purchased additional property that would expand the neighborhood into the service area of Lancaster. The planned development now straddles the existing boundary between Fort Mill and Lancaster. The land for the planned development consists of contiguous parcels owned by a single developer. There are currently no customers in that portion of Lancaster's service area that is part of the planned subdivision. Given past experience, however, it is expected that the future residents of the neighborhood will have a strong desire to be able to make local calls to their neighbors within the same neighborhood.
- 4. Fort Mill and Lancaster would like to establish the new boundary not only to accommodate the expected planned development, but also to follow property parcel lines in the general vicinity of the boundary line in order to reduce the chances that the boundary will have to be moved again to accommodate another neighborhood in the future.
- 5. It is in the best interest of the Companies and in the public interest to define the service boundary between Fort Mill and Lancaster in such a manner as to provide local calling within planned and future subdivisions, and to avoid confusion and possible future disputes. Furthermore, given the common ownership of the Companies, it is in the public interest to define the boundary such that it will have the least possible impact on future customers.

- 6. It is likewise in the best interest of the Companies and in the public interest to define the service boundary between Fort Mill and Lancaster so as to avoid the possible construction of lines, plant, or system by one Company that would unreasonably interfere with the service or system of the other Company, in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280.
- 7. The Companies have established a proposed service boundary that will accomplish the above purposes. The new boundary line can be described as follows: Where Lancaster County parcel ID # 0022-00-007.00 crosses over Twelve Mile Creek, the new border will follow the southern edge of parcel ID # 0022-00-007.00 to Van Wyck Rd. It will then follow Van Wyck Rd. south to the northern corner of Lancaster County parcel ID # 0019-00-031.00. The new border will follow the eastern edge of Lancaster County parcel ID # 0019-00-031.00 down to its southern point. It will then follow the southern edge of Lancaster County parcel ID # 0019-00-001.00 west to the Catawba River. The new intersection of the Lancaster, Fort Mill, and Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a Rock Hill Telephone Company) ILEC boundaries will be where Lancaster County parcel ID # 0019-00-001.00 meets the Catawba River.
- 8. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, and incorporated herein by reference, is a map entitled "FMTC/LTC Proposed Boundary Change." The map is a graphic depiction of the existing and proposed boundary lines on a street map. As indicated on the map, the boundary change will result in a swap of territory of 280 acres from Lancaster to Fort Mill, and 216 acres from Fort Mill to Lancaster. Upon approval of this Petition by the Commission, maps showing the modified boundaries between the respective companies

will be finalized and filed with the Commission, and copies provided to ORS, in compliance with Commission Reg. 103-612.2.3.

- 9. It is the Companies' express intent that existing customers not be affected by this change in the service boundary. The boundary has been established to accomplish the purposes of this Petition while at the same time having no impact on current customers of either of the Companies.
- Any questions, notices, orders, correspondence or communications to the 10. Parties concerning this Petition should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Fort Mill and Lancaster respectfully request that the Commission grant the relief requested herein, which is in the best interest of the public, and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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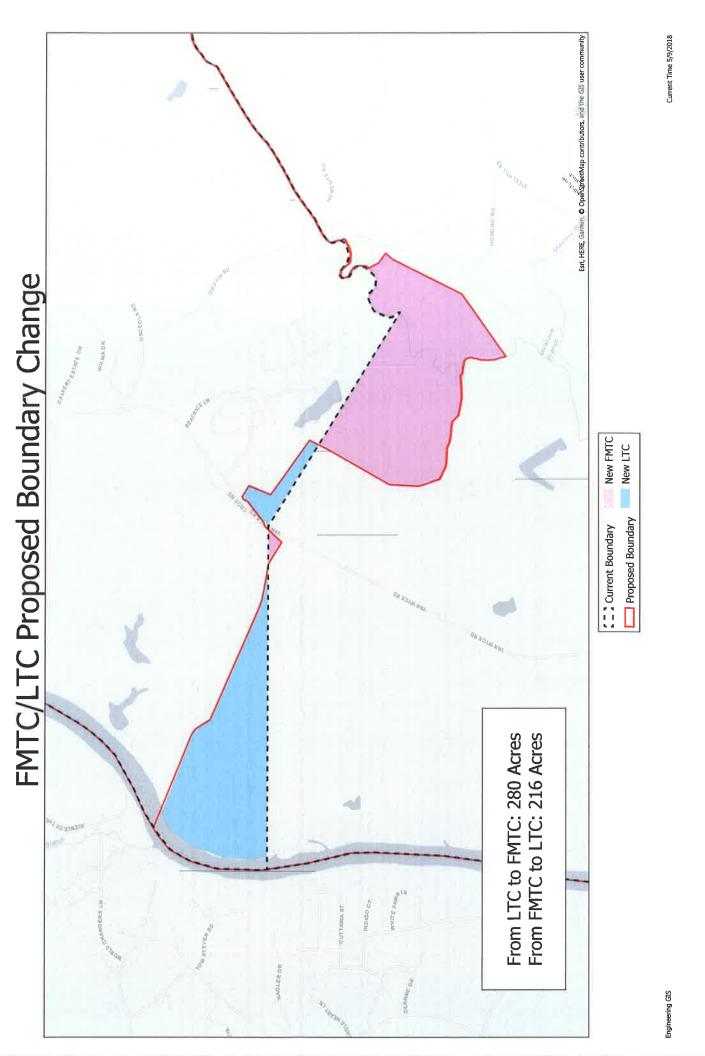
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EXHIBIT A SERVICE BOUNDARY MAP



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Approval of Changes in Boundary Line	Joint Petition of Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, and Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications for Approval of Changes in Boundary Line)))	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I, Kathy Handrock, Paralegal with McNair Law Firm, P.A., do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Joint Petition of Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, and Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications for Approval of Changes in Boundary Line upon the following party by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Mail, First Class, postage prepaid to:

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